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SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS

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ATHENS, BRUSSELS FOR HARTMAN

1. USS VESOLE (DD 878) AND USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (DLG20)
ARE ON SILVER FOX MISSION, PERIODIC TRANSIT OF BOSPORUS
STRAITS AND VOYAGE IN BLACK SEA ADJACENT TO SOVIET UNION.

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VESSELS APPARENTLY PASSED WITHIN 11 NAUTICAL MILES EAST

SIDE OF ZMEINYI ISLAND LIGHT EVENING OF MARCH 10. ISLAND,
ROMANIAN NAME OF WHICH IS INSULA SERPILO, IS ABOUT 25
MILES EAST OF SOVIET-ROMANIAN BORDER AT BLACK SEA. IT IS
SOVIET TERRITORY. AT 1925 GMT MARCH 10, SOVIET KASHIN
DLG 53 SENT FLASHING LIGHT MESSAGE TO VESOLE "YOUR COURSE
FAVORED USSR TERRITORIAL WATERS."

2. TO AVOID POSSIBLE RECURRENCE, NAVY HAS SHIFTED TRACK
FOR VESSELS FURTHER EAST SO THAT CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH
TO OSTROV ZMEINYI LIGHT WOULD BE 16.7 NAUTICAL MILES. INGERSOLL

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